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Male Nurse Sentenced for Having Sexual Contact with Human Remains

A Reseda man was sentenced today for having sexual contact with an elderly patient's remains, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Pamela Revel said Alejandro Razo, 62, was sentenced to two years state prison to be served in county jail with 180 days of the sentence to be served under supervised release for case LA073386.

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Thomas Rubinson of the Van Nuys Branch also ordered Razo to attend sexual offender meetings and weekly psychological counseling during his supervised release.

Razo also must stay away from Sherman Oaks Hospital where he was employed at the time of the offense.

A jury found him guilty of sexual contact with human remains on June 26.

Razo – whose nursing career spanned 20 years at various health care facilities – was the nurse assigned to care for an 82-year-old woman on Jan. 20, 2013. When the elderly woman died of natural causes that day, Razo was tasked with preparing her body for the mortuary, according to court testimony.

Soon after, while the defendant was alone with the deceased victim, another nurse walked into the room and discovered Razo with his pants down, having sexual contact with the woman's corpse, the prosecutor said. DNA evidence also was used in his conviction, Revel added.

The Los Angeles Police Department, Van Nuys Division investigated case.

About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's OfficeLos Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the <u>Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office</u> prosecuted more than 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.